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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Viet Cong Recruitment Study - Progress and Problems

25X1 1. The recruiting study is being done in two parts because two separate data bases are employed. The first is developed from documents, the second from the 2,000 [] data sheets we have received from Vietnam.

25X1 2. On the advice of [] we did not submit a request for a computer project. The work is being handled informally under a blanket authorization which covers small one time projects.

25X1 3. With guidance from [] Joe has done much of his own program writing and handled liaison with the key punch and EAM people, who have punched about 700 cards. All of the work is on the document data base and the final product is about completed. The job has proceeded more slowly than it might have, first because Joe has been interrupted to do other work, second because of a general lack of priority on the part of others, and third, because this has been Joe's first attempt at this work and a number of false starts and dead ends have necessarily been part of the learning process.

4. The informal approach has not worked in the case of [] data base. It appears that the delay may be deliberate and Joe has taken the matter as far as possible. 25X1

25X1 5. About three weeks ago, [] who supervises the key punch operation, told Joe she could have his basic set of 2,000 cards punched within a few days. Joe has met a series of delays since then and he has no assurance that the cards will be ready in less than a month if then.

25X1 25X1 6. Yesterday, he asked for a meeting with [] supervisor, to make certain that all parties were in agreement as to where things stood. Joe informed [] key punch and EAM room Chief and [] Director of Ops Div/OCS (I believe), that he would have to take other steps if they could not satisfy his needs for service.

7. Joe sensed a distinct lack of interest and urgency, particularly when it was discovered that he was from OER. It was suggested to him that the project could move if OER paid for the overtime necessary for the cards punch phase. This was estimated at eight hours.

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8. There seem to be three alternatives open to us. (1) Pay the overtime -- probably about \$300.00 if no other charges are added, (2) work the job in under the SAVA allocation, and (3) make a contact at the office director level, emphasizing the priority of the project.



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